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POWER WITHOU T VICTORY. — The strongest cogn i-tion (that of the complete non-freedom of the human will) is yet the poorest in results, for it has always had the mightiest of opponents — human vanity.

PLEASURE AND ERROR.— A beneficial influence on friends is exerted by one man unconsciously, through his nature ; by another consciously, through isolated actions. Although the former nature is held to be the higher, the latter alone is allied to good conscience and pleasure — the pleasure in justification by good works, which rests upon a belief in the volitional character of our good and evil doing — that is to say, upon a mistake.

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THE FOLLY OF COMMITTING INJUSTICE. — The injustice we have inflicted ourselves Is far harder to bear than the injustice inflicted upon us by others (not always from moral grounds, be it observed). After all, the doer is always thesufferer — thatis,if hebecapable of feeling the sting of conscience or of perceiving that by his action he has armed society against himself and cut himself off. For this reason we should be-ware still more of doing than of suffering injustice, for the sake of our own inward happiness — so as not to lose our feeling of well-being — quite apart from any consideration of the precepts of religion and morality. For in suffering injustice we* have